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For: SENSOR FOR TRANSCUTANEOUS	:	Atty Docket: P65684US3
MEASUREMENT OF VASCULAR	:	
ACCESS BLOOD FLOW	:	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a); and any fees required for consideration of this paper and any papers associated with it (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

Kindly enter the following Amendment:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.